



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dale Spall, et al.

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For: COMBINATION MARKER FOR LIQUIDS AND METHOD  
IDENTIFICATION THEREOF

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

MS RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-5:

Please add claims 6-68 as follows:

6. (new) A method for marking a liquid comprising the steps of:

adding a marker to the liquid having a molar absorptivity of approximately 5 times  $10^4$  L mole<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> or greater in the wavelength range of about 600 - 1000 nm.

7. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the liquid is a petroleum product.